



"Before Everything" (14 in x 19 in; pastel on paper) by Canadian artist Renay Shaffer depicts a wild foal in Dartmoor National Park, England, where wild ponies are allowed to roam freely alongside livestock and rare wildlife.

Ms. Shaffer illustrates nature and animals in a detailed representational style that reflects a deep reverence for her subjects. Growing up in a small seaside town along the west coast of Canada, she formed an early identification with the natural world. Her love for animals motivates and inspires her to share her profits with causes close to her heart such as wildlife rescue/rehabilitation and wild horse advocacy. Her artwork is in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia.

The artist, who resides in Bellingham, Washington with her husband and two chatty rescued Siamese cats, is acutely aware of the blessing of being able to make art every day.

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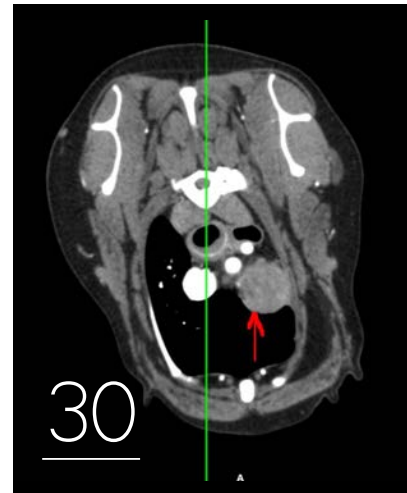
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